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(b) and (c) Government reviews the FDI policy constantly keeping in view the national priorities.

Grant of Exclusive Marketing Rights for Drugs and Pharmaceuticals

2336. SHRI MANOJ BHATTACHARYA; Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state how many applications have been filed in the mail box and how companies/persons have been granted Exclusive Marketing Rights for drugs and pharmaceuticals since 1998 December?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (DR. RAMAN): 3690 applications for patents have been filed in the mail box. No Exclusive Marketing Rights have been granted since December, 1998 in respect of applications for the same.

FDI in Urea Industry

2337. SHRI ANANTRAY DEVSHANKAR DAVE:
SHRI BRATIN SENGUPTA:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the quantum of Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) that has been committed to the urea industry during the last three years;

(b) the steps being taken by Government to attract FDI in this sector; and

(c) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (DR. RAMAN): (a) to (c) During the period 1.1.97 to 31.12.99 two proposals for Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) in the fertiliser sector amounting to Rs. 1.20 crore have been approved,

Recently, *vide* Press Note No. 2 (2000 Series) dated 11.2.2000 the FDI has been permitted upto 100% on the automatic route in all

the sector except a specified negative list. FDI upto 100% is permitted in the fertiliser sector on the automatic route.

Industrial Growth

2338. SHRI RAJU PARMAR :

SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM :

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether industrial growth had gone up by 12% in April this year;
- (b) if so, the growth recorded month to month during the current year, so far, indicating factor-wise; and
- (c) the growth targets fixed in respect of different sectors of industry during the current year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (DR. RAMAN) : (a) No, Sir. As per the Index of Industrial Production data released by Central Statistical Organisation (CSO) on 12th July, 2000 the overall rate of growth of industry for the month of April, 2000 was 5.7%.

(c) The sector-wise and month-wise growth rates of industry during the current year 2000-01 are given below;

Month-wise growth rates of the major sectors (in percentage) of Industry

Month (weight)	Mining, (10.47)	Manufacturing (70.36)	Electricity (10.17)	Overall (100.00)
April, 2000	5.1	6.0	3.7	5.7
May, 2000	2.3	5.8	5.4	5.5

The target set by Planning Commission for Industrial Growth in the 9th Plan (1997-2002) is 8.2% per annum comprising, 8.2% in manufacturing, 9.3% in electricity generation and 7.2% in mining.